

REMARKS

The previous outstanding Official Action had been mailed on December 17, 2003. This response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 9, 10 and 13-19 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yachia et al. in view of Pinchuk.

Claims 11-12 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yachia et al. in view of Pinchuk as applied above, and further in view of St. Germain (US Patent 5,836,966).

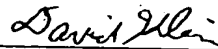
The present amendment to claim 1 recites structure not found in the cited art. Applicant wishes to remind the Examiner that the feature of asymmetry was discussed in previous interviews and the Examiner had indicated agreement to its patentability. No new matter has been added. Thus claims 1-10 and 14-21 are believed to be allowable.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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